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1. Introduction  
For almost a decade now, Auger Electron Spectroscopy (AES) has been utilized as a technique for elemental identification and trace analysis at the surface of solids (1). Indeed over these years AES has become a widely available and almost indispensable technique for determining surface cleanliness, surface coverage and even depth profiling. More recently, the Auger lineshape has been recognized as a source of chemical and electronic structure information. Just how this information can be extracted from the Auger lineshape requires a thorough understanding of the factors contributing to the Auger process. This review will examine several of these factors.  
It is often true that one decides to write a review (or one requests that someone else write a review) when he perceives that significant progress has occurred recently in an area. Thus, from the seven review articles written in the last two years on AES, one might conclude that significant progress has been achieved recently in our understanding of the Auger process. I believe this is indeed the case. Table 1 summarizes these seven review articles and includes the article of Grasemann (2) (unpublished lecture notes) for completeness. The principle topics reviewed indicate the breadth of the recent progress and also the relatively small overlap in subject matter between these eight articles. Holloway's review (1) of experimental approach and applications also covers the sometimes difficult but

important task of extracting a nearly quantitative Auger lineshape or spectrum from the experimental data. This aspect will not be covered here; I refer the reader to the Holloway article as well as to some of the original work in this area (4,5). The reviews by Larkins (6) and Madden (7) concentrate on the chemical information contained in the Auger energies; this important topic also will be omitted from this review. The works by Hodderman (8), Akcasu (3), and Grasemann (2) concentrate on the Auger effect in atoms and molecules in the gas phase, and as such also will not be considered here. The reviews by Kleisau (9) and Puglisi (10) have the greatest potential overlap with this work since screening and localization effects on the Auger lineshape will be considered here also. However the results and conclusions presented here on screening do not appear in their reviews; the concept of localisation is extended beyond the elemental metals and alloys they consider. The emphasis here will be on AES as a probe of the valence density of states (DOS) with applications to metals, insulators, and molecules.

The Auger process is a two electron process, which makes it unique from the more common one-electron processes such as are involved in x-ray and photo emission (XES and PES). These three spectroscopies are illustrated in Fig. 1 for the case of an atom involving the K and L shells. The Auger and x-ray emission processes may be initiated by either an incoming electron or photon, the photo emission process of course only by a photon. The Auger

and x-ray emission processes compete to fill the core hole; however, the Auger process clearly dominates for core levels with binding energies less than 5000 ev (11). Also illustrated is the shake-off process, a process which always occurs with some probability during an ionization event and results from relaxation of the atom in the presence of the core hole. A subsequent Auger event (a subsequent x-ray emission event may also occur) results in a shake/Auger satellite; i.e., Auger electron contributions generally shifted down in energy from the parent Auger contributions. The parent and satellite contributions are termed in this example the K-LL and KL-LLL transitions on the basis of their initial and final state hole configurations.

One may be lead to question the appropriateness of AES as a probe of valence band information. Why bother with AES when XES and PES provide the one electron DOS,  $N(E)$ , more directly? The final state of the Auger and shake/Auger events as illustrated in Fig. 1 leaves the system with 2 or 3 valence holes compared with 1 valence hole in XES and PES. This tends to complicate the spectrum analysis because of the increase in possible final state hole configurations. As a first approximation, the CVV (core-valence-valence) Auger lineshape  $A(E)$  is a fold of  $N(E)$  (9),  

$$A(E) = \int N(E-\epsilon) N(\epsilon) d\epsilon . \quad 1)$$

However Table 2, which compares some features of XES and PES with AES, indicates the greater surface sensitivity of AES compared with XES, and the site specificity of the valence DOS probed by

AES compared with the all sites DOS probed by PES (12,13). The lack of surface sensitivity in XES arises from the large escape depth of the observed outgoing photons. AES and XES probe the DOS only near the initial core hole; no initial core hole exist in PES. The combined surface sensitivity and site specificity offer unique advantages for AES. This along with the wide availability of AES instrumentation (1) makes it an attractive technique for electronic structure studies.

## II. Lineshape description - one electron model

A detailed interpretation of the Auger lineshape requires a quantitative description of each Auger transition. Each transition may be characterized by an Auger energy, width, and intensity. These may be simply expressed in terms of the initial and final state holes in a one-electron orbital model (14),

$$\begin{aligned} E_{CXY} &= E_C - E_X - E_Y - U_{XY} \\ \Gamma_{CXY} &= \Gamma_C + \Gamma_X + \Gamma_Y + 2K_{XY} \\ I_{CXY} &= 2\pi/\hbar |(\Psi_1|H-E|\Psi_1)|^2 \approx \sum_{nm} c_m c_n^{-1} \rho_{Cmn} \end{aligned} \quad 2)$$

$E_C$  and  $\Gamma_C$  are the binding energy and width of the initial core hole;  $\Gamma_C$  includes the lifetime broadening and spin-orbit splitting contributions. The final valence state holes have the binding energies  $E_X$  and  $E_Y$  and widths  $\Gamma_X$  and  $\Gamma_Y$ ; the widths in this instance include solid state banding effects and nuclear (vibrational) effects (15). These one electron parameters may be obtained from ab initio calculations (15) but most often are

obtained empirically (14). This is consistent with the desire to make the Auger lineshape interpretation techniques generally practical, available to a large number of experimentalist in the field and applicable to a large number of interesting systems. Binding energies are best obtained from XPS, the widths from either XES or UPS data (14).

The quantities  $U_{xy}$  and  $K_{xy}$  reflect the presence of two holes in the final state.  $U_{xy}$  is the effective hole-hole Coulomb repulsion.  $K_{xy}$  is the singlet-triplet splitting which is assumed to be unresolved in the solid. They may be defined in a LCAO-MO picture (e.g.  $X - \sum c_{xn} f_n$ ) by the expressions (utilizing the zero differential overlap (ZDO) approximation)

$$U_{xy} = \langle XY | r_{12}^{-1} | XY \rangle = \sum_{nm} c_{xn} c_{ym} U_{nm} \quad 5)$$

$$K_{xy} = \langle XY | r_{12}^{-1} | YX \rangle = \sum_{nm} c_{xn} c_{ym} C_{xy}^n C_{ym} U_{nm}, \quad 6)$$

where the atomic repulsion integrals must reflect the screening and relaxation of the atom,

$$U_{nm} = \langle f_n f_m | r_{12}^{-1} | f_n f_m \rangle = f(n, m) - r_{12} \delta_{nm}. \quad 7)$$

Here  $f(n, m)$  are the atomic repulsion integrals and  $r_{12}$  is a "static relaxation energy" (16). The one center integrals  $f(n, m)$  may be obtained from the integral tables of Mann (17) and the two center  $f(n, m)$  from some suitable interpolation scheme (18). The quantities  $r_{12}$  have been determined empirically by Shirley (16) from atomic Auger spectra.

In the rigid one-electron model, the expression for the Auger intensity reduces to a two electron matrix element (see

Sec. IV). In the LCAO-MO picture it reduces still further to a sum over terms involving the atomic populations and an atomic Auger matrix element,  $P_{ch}$  (eq. (4)). Assuming  $P_{ch}$  is large only when  $f_n$  and  $f_m$  are orbitals on the atom with the core hole (see Sec. II.B), the sum in eq. (4) often reduces to a single term,  $c_{x1}^2 c_{y1}^2 P_{ch}$ , which involves the square of the local populations (with local angular momentum  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{2}$ ) on the initial core hole site. The Auger lineshape which involves a sum over the Auger transitions,

$$A(\omega) = \sum_{XY} c_{x1}^2 c_{y1}^2 P_{ch} \quad 8)$$

is then closely approximated by a fold over the DOS (eq. (1)) on the core hole site (site specificity), albeit modulated by the different atomic Auger matrix elements  $P_{ch}$ . (e.g.  $P_{Cs}$ ,  $P_{CsP}$  or  $P_{Pp}$ ;  $s$  or  $p$  giving the local angular momentum).

Eqs. (2) through (8) describe the Auger lineshape, but several basic questions remain. What electron density is actually probed by the Auger process? Are the  $c_{x1}^2$  in eq. (8) best given by the local or Mulliken populations? Does the Auger lineshape reflect an initial screened core hole DOS or the final DOS? Are the final state holes localized on an atom, a molecular cluster throughout the solid (i.e. are the DOS probed atomic like, molecular like, or band like)? Finally, what is the best way to determine the Auger matrix elements  $P_{ch}$ ? These questions will be examined in Secs. II, III through IV. A review of the outlook for AES will be given in Sec. V.

#### A. Atomic Auger matrix elements

Atomic Auger matrix elements have been calculated for each of the periodic table within a one electron Hartree Fock Slater approximation by McGuire (19,20) and Walters and Bhalla (21,22). Their results are compared with experimental data in Fig. 2 and 3 for low atomic number Z(23). Fig. 2 compares results for the KLL transitions, Fig. 3 for L23MNN. The matrix element per filled shell,  $P_{C\bar{A}'}^n$  (i.e. s<sub>2</sub>, p<sub>6</sub>, or d<sub>10</sub> etc.) is plotted;  $P_{C\bar{A}'}^n$  is defined by the expressions (24)

$$P_{C\bar{A}'} = \frac{(4\bar{A}+2)(\bar{A}+1)}{(4\bar{A}+2-n)(\bar{A}+1-n)} \times (P_{C\bar{A}'})_{act.} \quad (9)$$

$$P_{C\bar{A}'} = \frac{(4\bar{A}+2)}{(4\bar{A}+2-n)} \times (P_{C\bar{A}'})_{act.} \quad (10)$$

where n is the number of holes in the  $\bar{A}$  shell and  $(P_{C\bar{A}'})_{act.}$  is the actual Auger matrix element or experimental intensity. (It is assumed the  $\bar{A}'$  shell in eq. (10) is filled.) Since generally one is interested only in the relative  $P_{C\bar{A}'}$  intensities, they have been normalized such that  $P_{C\bar{A}'}^n$  is 100 for all Z. The theoretical results of McGuire and Walters and Bhalla have been scaled to the experimental results of the inert gases; this required scale factors (ranging from .59 to 2.06) significantly different from 1. These scale factors reflect the magnitude of the errors in the one-electron results. Electron correlation effects at the atomic level are clearly very important. The configuration interaction (CI) results of Chen and Crassmann

(25,26) include electron correlation; their unscaled results agree closely with the experimental.

Figs. 2 and 3 reveal three very important points. 1) The variation of the relative Auger matrix elements with atomic number is rather small. 2) What variation does exist is predicted remarkably well by the scaled one-electron results. This indicates the large correlation error is rather constant with Z.

- 3) Both atomic gas phase, molecular phase, and solid phase experimental data is given, no systematic differences between this data exist. This is true even for the dd, pd, and pp matrix elements of the transition metals where electron screening in the solid (Sec. IV) is expected to cause significant changes. Recently Vayrynen (27) suggested that the relative atomic matrix elements for solid Mn are very different from those in the gas phase. However Vayrynen's results are inconclusive because of an inadequate background removal procedure in the solid phase. Clearly more careful work needs to be done to check this important question. For the present, the results of Figs. 2 and 3 suggest that gas phase atomic data or the scaled one-electron results can be utilized for interpretation of Auger lineshapes in the solid.

#### B. Local or Mulliken populations

The question of whether the Auger process probes the local or Mulliken populations arises from our use of eq. (8). Use of eq. (6) would automatically weight the DOS in the proper manner.

However this question is of general chemical interest in any event. Does the Auger process in any way sample the bonding charge? The local and Mulliken populations are defined by the M.O. overlap equation,

$$\sum_m c_{nM} S_{nm} = \sum_n (c_n^2 + \sum_m c_n c_m S_{nm}) - 1, \quad 11)$$

where  $S_{nm} = \langle f_n | f_m \rangle$  is the atomic overlap. The Mulliken populations include the "bonding" charge such that

$$P_n^M = c_n^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_m c_n c_m S_{nm}, \quad 12)$$

and satisfy the sum rule

$$\sum_n P_n^M = 1. \quad 13)$$

The local populations include only the diagonal terms  $P_n^{Loc_M}$ .

An analysis of the Auger matrix element by Hutton et al.

(30) gives for a two atom system with atoms a and b (i.e.  $X = a + b$ ) with core hole site 'a' the result,

$$IEx = q^4 M_{ca} + q^3 b (M_{cab} + M_{cba}) M_{caa} + \dots \quad 14)$$

It was assumed that  $M_{abb} < M_{cab} < M_{caa}$  since inter-atomic Auger matrix elements  $M_{cab} = \langle \phi_c \phi_b | r_{12}^{-1} | f_a f_b \rangle$  are generally much smaller than intra-atomic elements,  $M_{caa} = \langle \phi_c \phi_b | r_{12}^{-1} | f_a f_b \rangle$  (31). The use of local populations,

$$I^L = (P_a^L)^2 M_{caa}^2 + q^4 M_{caa}^2, \quad 15)$$

is valid provided all inter-atomic elements are indeed negligible. The use of Mulliken populations gives the result

$$I^M = (P_a^M)^2 M_{caa}^2 = (q^2 + q b S)^2 M_{caa}^2 \quad 16)$$

$$I^A = q^4 M_{caa} + 2 q^3 b S M_{caa}^2. \quad 17)$$

The second terms in eqs. (17) and (14) are equivalent if  $(M_{cab} + M_{cba})/M_{caa} = 2S$ . A semiempirical analysis by Matthews and Kominos (31) indicates that  $(M_{cab} + M_{cba})/M_{caa} \sim 10^{-2}$ . Typical two center overlaps  $S = \langle f_a | f_b \rangle \sim 10^{-1}$ , indicating the second terms in general are not equivalent.

The above analysis suggest the result  $I^L < IEx < I^M$  at the bottom of a band when  $S > 0$ ;  $I^L > IEx > I^M$  at the top of a band when  $S < 0$ . However one expects some orbital contraction (expansion) at the bottom (top) of a band relative to the free atom. This would have the effect of moving  $I^L$  in the direction of  $I^M$  and away from  $I^M$ , but no clear answer as to whether  $I^M$  or  $I^L$  is closer to  $IEx$  comes from this analysis.

Comparison with experiment is equally inconclusive.

Jennison (32) first noted for the Si L23VV lineshape of elemental Si that  $I^L \approx I^M \approx I^{\text{Exp}}$ . However for the Si L23VV lineshape in  $\text{Pd}_3\text{Si}$  (33) and at the  $\text{Pd}/\text{Si}$  interface (34), it was found that  $I^M \approx I^{\text{Exp}}$ . For the N KVV lineshape of the  $\text{NO}_3^-$  oxyanion (30), a similar result was observed (i.e.  $I^M \approx I^L \approx I^{\text{Exp}}$ ). Obviously more work is necessary here. At present it seems reasonable to utilize the more convenient Mulliken populations, particularly in a multiband lineshape when the bonding charge does not dominate in any region of the spectrum (e.g. such as in the N KVV of  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ). In a single band lineshape where the bonding charge dominates some part of the spectrum, the local populations may be preferred (e.g. such as in the Si L23VV of elemental Si (32)).

III. Localization

In the Cini-Sawatzky (35) model of the Auger process in elemental solids, two parameters determine the degree of localization of the CVV two-hole final state. If the effective Coulomb repulsion  $U_{VV}$  is large compared to the bandwidth ( $U_{VV} > \Gamma$ ), the lineshape will be atomic like, if  $\Gamma > U_{VV}$  the lineshape will be band like. In systems where  $U_{VV} \approx \Gamma$  both atomic and band like contributions are evident in the lineshape (i.e., correlation effects are important).

The results of Cini and Sawatzky were obtained from utilizing the Anderson and Hubbard many body models. The equations which enter are solvable only for the initially filled band or two-hole final state. Some work has been reported for the initially unfilled band (36), but the initial conclusions of Cini and Sawatzky do not appear to be substantially altered.

The Cini-Sawatzky results can be simply understood by considering a cluster LCAO-MO-CI approach (18). For the moment consider a simple two-orbital system which has two holes present resulting from the Auger process in an initially filled state (18,37). The holes can be described by the one electron atomic orbitals  $f_a^2$  and  $f_b^2$  with binding energy  $\epsilon$  giving the Hamiltonian matrix as below:

$$\begin{array}{|cc|c|} \hline & f_a^2 & f_b^2 & \frac{1}{16}(f_a f_b + f_b f_a) \\ & 2\epsilon + U_{aq} & 0 & H_{ab} \\ \hline f_a^2 & 0 & 2\epsilon + U_{aq} & H_{ab} \\ \hline f_b^2 & H_{ab} & H_{ab} & 2\epsilon + U_{ab} \\ \hline \frac{1}{16}(f_a f_b + f_b f_a) & H_{ab} & H_{ab} & , \\ \hline \end{array} \quad (18)$$

where  $U_{aa} = \langle f_a | r_b^{-1} | f_a^2 \rangle$ ,  $U_{ab} = \langle f_a f_b | r_b^{-1} | f_a f_b \rangle$ , and  $H_{ab} = \sqrt{2} \langle f_a | H | f_b \rangle$  ( $|H| \propto \Gamma$  in the solid). Clearly if  $H_{ab} < U_{aa} - U_{ab}$ , very little mixing occurs and the hole states  $f_a$  and  $f_b$  properly describe the localization of the two holes. In this instance the Auger lineshape is atomic like probing only the two-electron eigenstate  $f_a^2$  (core hole site). If  $H_{ab} > U_{aa} - U_{ab}$ , the mixing of the configurations is complete and the linear combinations  $f_a \pm f_b$  properly describe the localization of the holes. As such, the lineshape is molecular like (band like for the solid) sampling the eigenstates  $1/2 (f_a + f_b)^2, 1/\sqrt{2} (f_a + f_b) (f_a - f_b)$  and  $1/2 (f_a - f_b)^2$  and giving relative Auger intensities  $1/4, 1/2$ , and  $1/4$  respectively. If  $H_{ab} \approx U_{aa} - U_{ab}$ , of course intermediate mixing occurs giving both contributions.

Fig. 4 compares the bandwidth  $\Gamma_{nd}$  with  $U_{eNd}$  for the metals with electron configurations  $d6s^2$  to  $d10s2p^2$ . For all three rows of this series the  $\Gamma$  and  $U_e$  plots cross in the region  $d8s^2$  to  $d10s$ . The Auger lineshapes of these "transitional" metals are given in Fig. 5 and compared with a fold of the DOS,  $N(\epsilon)$  (36,9), and in some instances the calculated atomic like Auger lineshape. The lineshape for Cu is clearly atomic like (28,38-41), that for Ag is also, although some controversy has occurred in the literature concerning this question (42-46). The lineshape for Au appears to be band like although shifted down in energy by 5 ev (47,48). The Ni (49,9) and Pd (9,20) lineshapes show atomic like and band like contributions separated by 3 to 4 ev, but no multiplet structure is evident. These lineshapes

indicate the rather smooth transition from atomic to band like character. The  $d_{2g}^2$  to  $d_{7g}^2$  metals are clearly band like ( $d_{10}^2$ , the  $d_{10}^2$  to  $d_{10}^2p^2$  metals atomic like (53).

Recently Dunlap et al. (37) showed that intermediate levels of localization can exist, i.e. localization on some sub-cluster of the system. The systems studied were  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ , and  $\text{SiO}_2$ . The pertinent parameters are schematically illustrated in Fig. 6. The degree of localization can best be summarized as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} V < U_{\text{eff}} - U_{\text{AO}} &= U_{\text{eff}}^{\text{AO}} \\ V > U_{\text{AO}}^{\text{AO}} & \quad Y < U_{\text{AO}} - U_{\text{AO}}' - U_{\text{AO}}^{\text{AO}} \\ Y > U_{\text{AO}}^{\text{AO}} & \quad F < U_{\text{AO}} - U_{\text{AO}}' = U_{\text{AO}}^{\text{AO}} \\ F > U_{\text{AO}}^{\text{AO}} & \quad \Phi \rightarrow \text{AO} \\ \Phi \rightarrow \text{AO} & \quad \Phi \rightarrow \text{LO} \\ \Phi \rightarrow \text{LO} & \quad \Phi \rightarrow \text{MO} \\ \Phi \rightarrow \text{MO} & \quad \Phi \rightarrow \text{BO} \\ \Phi \rightarrow \text{BO} & \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

where AO, LO, MO, and BO refer to atomic, lobe like, molecular, and band like orbitals respectively. The results plotted in Fig. 6 indicate that the two-hole final state is best represented by  $\text{NO}_3^-$  and  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  MO's, and a Si-O-Si LO. Also plotted in Fig. 6 is  $U_{\text{AO}}^{\text{AO}}$ , the effective lobe orbital three hole repulsion energy appropriate for the final state resulting from the shake/Auger process as discussed in Sec. I. The three hole final state is best represented by a  $\text{NO}_3^-$  MO and S-O and Si-O-Si LO's.

The experimental Auger lineshapes verify these conclusions (37). Fig. 7 compares the experimental N KV lineshape for  $\text{NO}_3^-$  with that predicted theoretically from a semi-empirically derived one-electron  $\text{NO}_3^-$  MO DOS (30). The energy separation between

the principle peak of the parent and shake/Auger contributions ( $\Delta E$ , see Sec. IV) is predicted to be  $-6\text{eV}$  utilizing a  $\text{NO}_3^-$  MO for both the two and three hole final states. Experimentally the best fit is obtained with  $\Delta E = -5\text{eV}$ .

Fig. 8 compares the experimental S L23VV lineshapes for  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  (37, 56), again utilizing a  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  MO DOS to determine the theoretical lineshape.  $\Delta E$  is predicted to be  $-8$  or  $-2\text{eV}$  depending on whether one uses the NO or LO orbitals for the three-hole final state. Experimentally the best fit is obtained with  $\Delta E \approx -2\text{eV}$  verifying the appropriateness of the LO three hole final state of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ .

Fig. 9 compares the experimental and theoretical (without the shake/Auger contributions in this case) O KV and Si L23VV lineshapes in  $\text{SiO}_2$  (57, 14, 37). The theoretical Si L23VV lineshape was first determined from a  $\text{SiO}_4^{2-}$  MO giving the difference curve in Fig. 9d (57, 14). The peaks centered at 55 and  $68\text{eV}$  were attributed to shake/Auger satellites, the peak at  $84\text{eV}$  to beam damage. Later electron correlation was included via a CI calculation allowing for localization on the Si-O-Si LO's (18). These results are indicated by the bars in 9c, the dotted bars the Si-O-Si localized contributions, the solid bars the completely delocalized (band like) contributions. Notice the localized contributions now account for the intensity originally attributed to the shake/Auger contributions. The shake/Auger satellites may in fact not contribute because the shake hole may not remain localized to the core hole. Recently Jennison (58) suggested electron

screening of the final state holes is important in decreasing  $U_{xy}^e$ , thus aiding hole delocalization. However, screening will decrease  $U_{xy}^e$  even more than  $U_{xy}^e$  so that localized contributions may still contribute some measure of intensity to the lineshape, but shake/Auger satellites may not.

The O KVV lineshape in  $\text{SiO}_2$  was theoretically evaluated assuming initially a totally localized Si-O-Si final state (Fig. 9a). The difference peaks around 475 and 495 eV have been attributed to shake/Auger satellites, the peak at 510 eV to delocalized contributions dominated by the O 2p non-bonding orbitals. Results of an LCAO-MO-CI calculation on a 160 atom cluster in a tetrahedral  $\text{SiO}_2$  lattice utilizing a parameterized Hamiltonian (18) is indicated in Fig. 10. It illustrates the transition from localized to non-localized lineshape behaviour as a function of  $U/\Gamma$ . A 20% nonlocal intensity separated by  $\approx 7$  eV from the local peak as indicated by the O KVV lineshape (Fig. 9b) gives a  $U/\Gamma$  of 2.5 (Fig. 10,  $U_{ij} \neq 0$ ). Since the oxygen atom hole-hole repulsion is 10-15 eV, this corresponds to an oxygen non-bonding band width of 4 to 6 eV in  $\text{SiO}_2$ , in reasonable agreement with theory and experiment (18).

Fig. 10 shows clearly a point which needs further emphasis here. The transition from the band like to the atomic like lineshape is relatively sharp and occurs at  $U/\Gamma \approx 1$ , not at  $U/\Gamma = 2$ , where  $\Gamma$  = the full bandwidth. This is in agreement with the results of Sawatzky and Lenselink (59) utilizing the Hubbard model

for an infinite system. There is much confusion in the literature on this point, (note Fig. 4 plots  $\Gamma$ ), others have plotted  $2\Gamma$  (40, 6, 9, 10) probably because in the original paper, Cini (35) apparently defined  $W$  to be the half bandwidth giving the criterion  $U > 2W$ .

Sawatzky defined  $W$  to be the full bandwidth, but still used the criterion  $U > 2W$  because his initial paper (35) utilized a simplifying approximation to his exact solution valid only for  $U > 2W$ . The point of steepest slope in the transition occurs at  $U/\Gamma \approx 1.0 \pm 2$  (59) depending on the crystal structure. The transition becomes less sharp and occurs at different values of  $U/\Gamma$  for smaller systems (e.g.  $U/\Gamma \approx 1.2$  for diatomic molecules (18, 37)).

Another important point concerns the energy separation  $\Delta E$  between the two contributions. Fig. 10 shows that the shift  $\Delta E$  of the atomic like peak from the zero point energy (middle of band when  $U=0$ ) is greater than  $U$  in agreement with Sawatzky and Lenselink (59). However the band like portion of the spectrum is also skewed to lower energies with increasing  $U/\Gamma$ . Fig. 10 indicates the shift  $\Delta E$  between the centroids of the two contributions is less than  $U$ . Fig. 10 shows results for two cases: assuming two center integrals  $U_{ij}=0$  and  $U_{ij} \neq 0$ . The calculation of Sawatzky and Lenselink within the Hubbard model makes the necessary approximation  $U_{ij}=0$ . The effect of  $U_{ij} \neq 0$  is to reduce the effective value of  $U$  (i.e.  $U_e \approx U - U_{ij}$ ) as indicated by the asymptotic approach of  $\Delta E$  to  $U_e$  and the transition at  $U/\Gamma \approx 1.7$

(equivalent to  $U_e/r \approx 1$ ) in this instance. Thus as shown, the separation between the two contributions slightly underestimates  $U_e$  and significantly underestimates  $U$ .

#### IV Screening

Electron screening of the core hole alters the Auger line-shape in two ways: 1) it introduces shake/Auger satellites as previously discussed, and 2) it changes the parent Auger contribution (60). Consider the core ionization process initiating the Auger process. Its rate  $r_{ion}$  is given by the expression (61).

$$r_{ion} = 2\pi/k \sum_m |\langle \hat{Q}_c \Psi_0 | \hat{T} | \epsilon_k \Psi_m' \rangle|^2 \quad (20)$$

$$= 2\pi/k \langle \hat{Q}_c | \hat{T} | \epsilon_k \rangle \langle \epsilon_k | \sum_m S_m^2 + \sum_{m \neq SU} S_m^2 \rangle,$$

where  $\hat{Q}_c \Psi_0$  is the ground state before the ionization process,  $\epsilon_k \Psi_m'$  is the initial Auger state relaxed in the presence of the core hole,  $\hat{T}$  is the appropriate ionization operator,  $S_m = \langle \Psi_m | \hat{\Psi}_k | \Psi_m' \rangle$ , and SU and SO denote shake-up and shake-off contributions respectively. The shake-off contributions generally result from atomic relaxation of the core hole site (62), they produce the Auger satellites with line-shape characteristics (57,30).

$$\Gamma_{CS-SV'} = \frac{S_S^2}{(1 - \frac{S_S^2}{S_S^2})} W_S I_{CVV'} \quad (21)$$

$$\Delta E_{CS-SV'} = U_{CS}^e - U_{SV}^e - U_{SV'}^e, \quad (22)$$

$$\Gamma_{CS-SV'} \approx \Gamma_{CVV'}. \quad (23)$$

In eqs. (21-23) 's' represents the shake electron,  $I_{CVV}$ , ( $\Gamma_{CVV'}$ ) the parent Auger intensity (width),  $W_S$  a statistical weight (57) (61).

and  $U_{CS}$  and  $U_{SV}$  the Coulomb repulsion between the initial core-shake and final valence-shake holes respectively.  $S_S$  can be determined from the sudden approximation (57),

$$S_S^2 = (1 - [1 - C_{SG}^{-1} + C_{SO} (1 - P_S)]^{2m}), \quad (24)$$

where  $P_S$  is the atomic shake-off probability (63) and  $C_{SG}^{-2}$  is the

population of the 's' MO on the core hole site. In eq. (20), the shake-up contributions normally result from charge transfer to the core hole site (62). They generally cause an Auger satellite of smaller intensity and energy shift and thus may be included theoretically with the parent contribution.

Shake/Auger satellites of up to 30-40% of the total intensity are clearly resolved in the gas phase spectra of the inert gases (64,65) and in molecules (66-68). In the solid phase, they have been found to significantly alter the experimental Auger lineshape of some metals (38,40,69) and insulators (70) (see Figs. 7,8, and 9). For quantitative Auger line-shape interpretation, they should not be ignored.

An understanding of the effect of screening on the parent Auger transitions can be gained from the Final State Rule (FS). A FS rule was first proposed by von Barth, Grossman (71) and Mahan (72) for the x-ray and photo-emission one-electron processes. Later Davis and Feldkamp (73) proposed an "Orthogonalized" FS (OFS) rule for the same processes. Recently the FS and OFS rules have been extended to the two electron Auger process

Basically the FS and OPS rules are reductions of the many electron matrix element  $\langle \psi_i | r_{12}^{-1} / \psi' \rangle$  (for a single band system) to different two-electron integrals (61)

$$FS: I_{1,j} = 2\pi/\kappa / \langle ls\tilde{k}|r_{12}^{-1}/\tilde{\Phi}_j\rangle^2 + O[S_{hf}(S'+\rho')] \quad (25)$$

$$OPS: I_{1,j} = 2\pi/\kappa / \langle ls\tilde{k}|r_{12}^{-1}/\tilde{\Phi}_j\rangle^2 + O[S_{hf}(S'+\rho')] \quad (26)$$

where  $\tilde{\Phi}_i$  and  $\tilde{\Phi}_j$  describe the final valence holes created by the Auger process (i.e. potential with no corehole), and  $\tilde{\Phi}_i$  and  $\tilde{\Phi}_j$  are final state orbitals orthogonalized to the existing initial state valence holes.

$$\tilde{\Phi}_i = \Phi_i - \sum_{\epsilon > \epsilon_p} \frac{1}{\epsilon_i - \epsilon_p} \Phi'_m \quad (27)$$

( $\Phi'_m$  are initial orbitals relaxed in the presence of the core hole). The error terms contain  $S_{hf} \alpha l/(\epsilon_i - \epsilon_p)$  ( $\epsilon_i$  the Fermi energy,  $\epsilon_p$  min( $\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j$ ) the valence binding energy of the lower bound Auger hole) indicating the increased accuracy of the PS and OPS rules away from the Fermi level.  $\tilde{S}'$  and  $\rho'$  denote an effective average of the initial DOS and the integrated unoccupied DOS respectively. In general  $\tilde{S}' < \rho'$  indicating the increased accuracy of the OPS rule near the Fermi level. In the absence of configuration mixing (final state localization) basic sum rules (74) also indicate that the intensity of the individual angular momentum contributions are determined by the initial state. Thus the intensities of the FS and OPS rules are normalized to that given by the initial state (e.g.  $I_{OPS} = \frac{N}{N'} I_{FS}$  initial,  $\frac{N}{N'} ss, sp, pp, etc.$ ).

The results of the FS and OPS rules can be summarized in three statements: 1) the shape of the individual  $\Delta X'$  Auger contributions are determined by the final DOS, 2) the relative  $\Delta X'$  Auger intensities are determined by the initial state, and 3) the OPS rule is significantly different from the FS rule only near the Fermi level. As stated, the PS rule for the CVV band like Auger lineshape, and as previously stated for x-ray and photoemission (71-73), indicate that XES, UPS, and AES probe an unscreened DOS. Thus they complement each other in electronic structure determinations. The limitation to CVV band like Auger lineshape must be emphasized. A CVV Auger lineshape reflects a screened DOS because of the final state core hole (75). An atomic (localized) Auger lineshape does not reflect the band like DOS in any case. The Auger energy may however reflect a screened valence hole (e.g. the valence  $s$  electrons screen the localized 3d holes in the Cu L<sub>2,3</sub>M<sub>4,5</sub> Auger final state (9,76)). Several applications of the PS rule to experimental data can be given illustrating its validity. Table 3 contains data for the O<sub>2</sub> O KVV (15), the C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> C KVV (77), and the NO<sub>3</sub> N KVV (30,61) lineshapes. It compares relative intensities of various transitions as determined from the initial state (relaxed in the presence of the core hole), from the final state (no core hole), and from either experiment or a more complete theory. (Fig. 11 also compares these data for NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (30,61)). Since the transitions listed in Table 3 are dominated by pp contributions, the better

agreement with the final state results indicates the validity of statement 1 above. Statement 2 is best illustrated by examining the Be KVV (77), Fig. 12 and Cu M<sub>1</sub>VV (78) Auger lineshapes, Fig. 13. The individual  $\Delta^*$  Auger lineshapes have been determined from the theoretical final DOS; the relative  $\Delta^*$  intensities determined from the final and initial DOS respectively (assuming complete s electron screening) as indicated.

'g' electron screening in metals has been indicated experimentally upon examining the CCV lineshapes in Si, Al, and Mg (75).

The utility of the OFS rule near the Fermi level (statement 3) has been illustrated for the intercalated graphite systems C<sub>6</sub>L<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>8</sub>C<sub>8</sub>. Fig. 14 compares the DOS as obtained from UPS and from an interpretation of the C KVV Auger lineshape (80). The enhanced intercalant intensity in the Auger derived DOS can be attributed to electron screening of the initial core hole site within the OFS rule. Dunlap et al. (81) have compared the initial, final, and OFS rule transition  $P_W$  DOS as obtained from

a 109 atom cluster using a parameterized SCF Hamiltonian. The OFS rule transition DOS is essentially the same as the final DOS, however with a much enhanced "intercalant peak," in qualitative agreement with the Auger derived DOS.

#### V. Outlook

The outlook for AES as a probe of valence DOS information is obviously good. Three main areas are briefly reviewed here:

i) the utilization of AES in understanding the mechanisms involved in electron and photon stimulated desorption (ESD/PSD) in covariant systems, 2) the utility of AES in the gas phase and possibly in the future for chemisorbed systems, and 3) the utilization of AES in gaining valuable electronic structure information in solids and at interfaces.

#### A. ESD/PSD

The role of the Auger process for desorption from highly ionic systems is reasonably well understood within the Varley mechanism (82) as proposed by Knotek and Feibelman (83). Although the Auger process has been demonstrated to be of importance in desorption from (or bulk beam damage of) covalent systems, its role is not as clear (84-89). Recently Rauscher, White and Murray (90) proposed and quantified a model for Auger (or for any process creating two valence holes) induced desorption from covalent (or ionic) systems.

Consider damage to surfaces where the surface atom or cluster is taken to be covalently bonded to a similar neighboring atom or cluster. For definiteness, consider a surface atom, S, covalently bonded via bonding orbital  $b_0$  to a single bulk atom, B, with bond energy D. The Auger process resulting from a core hole in S or B can leave the system initially in the repulsive state  $b_0^{-2}$ , with excitation energy  $2E_b + U$ , where  $E_b$  is the one-electron binding energy of  $b_0$  and U is the Coulomb interaction energy resulting from two holes in  $b_0$  (see Fig. 15). Due to this

repulsion, the atom S is pushed off the surface initially in state  $b_0^2$ . If the holes decay before a critical distance  $R_c$ , S is recaptured; otherwise S gains sufficient kinetic energy to be desorbed. Beyond  $R_c$ , S can be neutralized leading to the desorption of neutrals (escape along  $b_n^2$  where  $b_n$  is a bulk bond orbital). The maximum kinetic energy of the outgoing ions is  $e^2/k_0$  (for escape along  $b_0^2$ ), although the maximum ion intensity will occur at smaller energies if e.g. escape along  $b_n^{-1}b_0^{-1}$  dominates. The most obvious means for decay of  $b_0^2$  involves one hole hopping into the bulk without appreciable nuclear motion. However this process is blocked if  $U>V$  ( $V$  = the bond orbital interaction energy) as previously discussed in Sec. III. It may not become important until larger R values (Fig. 15) when  $U \approx V$ . Two-hole hopping off the surface bond orbital can occur immediately, but it generally occurs with smaller probability.

To quantify the lifetime aspect of the model (90), consider a Hubbard-like single band Hamiltonian motivated through the bond-orbital approximation. Assuming that  $U=0$  and that the bulk band is described by a Bethe lattice of half bandwidth A, the probability,  $P_s$ , of finding two holes, created in the surface bond orbital at time  $t=0$ , both in the orbital at a later time  $t$  is given by  $P \sim e^{-4At/\hbar}$  if  $\Delta t \ll \hbar$ . The factor of  $(\sim 1/2)$  arises because we are considering a surface orbital. This expression must be replaced by  $\theta(\hbar/\Delta t)^6$  when  $\Delta t \gg \hbar$  where  $\theta = 4\alpha^4/\pi^2(1-\alpha)^8$ . If  $U > 2A$  the two holes are essentially bound together

in which case  $P \sim e^{-2\Delta t/\hbar}$  so long as  $\Delta' t \ll \hbar$  and  $P_c \approx \delta^{1/2} (\hbar/\Delta' t)^3$  when  $\Delta' t \gg \hbar$ , where  $\Delta'$  is the bound two-hole half-bandwidth. Second order perturbation theory can be used to estimate  $\Delta'$ ; this gives  $\Delta' = 2\Delta^2/kU$ , where K is the coordination number of the lattice.

The desorption or damage cross-section  $\sigma_D$  can be estimated from the expression (90),

$$\sigma_D(\text{theo.}) = \sum_{\text{core}} \sigma_I(\text{core}) f_D(\text{core}) P(t_c), \quad (28)$$

which involves two other important factors besides  $P(t_c)$  ( $t_c$  is the critical desorption time for the atom to move beyond  $R_c$ ).  $\sigma_I(\text{core})$  is a core ionization cross-section, which may include a back scattering factor in the solid, and can be obtained either from theory or experiment (9).  $f_D$  is the fraction of core ionization events which result in two holes localized in a bonding orbital via the Auger process. Its magnitude can generally be determined from the Auger lineshape and indicates the importance of AES to estimating ESD cross-sections. Utilizing eq. (28), the electron beam damage cross-section of SiO<sub>2</sub> has been estimated to be  $3 \times 10^{-21} \text{ cm}^2$ ; experimentally it has been determined to be  $\approx 2 \times 10^{-21} \text{ cm}^2$  (90). The importance of hole localization under the condition  $U>0$  can be realized from the result ( $\sim 10^{-39} \text{ cm}^2$ ) obtained when one assumes  $U=0$ . In SiO<sub>2</sub>,  $f_D$  for the ionization thresholds Si2s, 2p, O2s, and O1s have been estimated to be .13, 0, and .03 respectively (90, 18). These results illustrate an important point not always fully

appreciated (84-89): each ionization or Auger yield threshold does not necessarily have a corresponding desorption threshold.

B. AES in the gas phase and chemisorbed systems

The utility of AES in the gas phase, with a reduced background and narrower Auger peaks compared to the solid phase, has been clearly demonstrated. Fig. 16 illustrates the C KVV Auger lineshape for some gas phase molecules. The sensitivity of AES to local hybridization ( $sp^3$ ,  $sp^2$ ,  $sp$ ) is clearly demonstrated by the  $CH_4$ ,  $C_2H_4$ , and  $C_2H_2$  lineshapes (92,93). The insensitivity to substituent effects is demonstrated by the  $CH_4$ ,  $CH_3OH$ , and  $(CH_3)_2O$  (all  $sp^3$ ) lineshapes. The normal alkanes (94) show a broadened  $sp^3$  lineshape, the cyclic alkanes (95) show an apparent progression from the  $sp^2$  to the  $sp^3$  lineshape as the bond angle strain decreases. The constancy of the principal peak energy in the alkanes, despite of the increasing size of the molecule, suggests the final state holes are not completely delocalized about the molecule in these systems.

The Auger lineshapes of small gas phase molecules are rather well understood. Quantitative interpretations have been reported for HF (96-98),  $N_2$  (68),  $O_2$  (15),  $CO$  (104,105,68),  $H_2O$  (67,98,99),  $NH_3$  (100-103),  $CH_4$ ,  $C_2H_2$ ,  $C_2H_4$ ,  $CH_3OH$  (106),  $CO_2$  (68,105),  $C_3H_2$  (107) and  $SiH_4$  (108) to name just some of them. When molecules or atoms are chemisorbed on the surface of solids, the lineshape often changes little except for the

introduction of a peak or shoulder at higher electron energies as illustrated in Fig. 17. Condensation to the solid introduces the same feature as illustrated for  $NH_3$  and  $H_2O$ . The source of this high energy feature is not well understood. At least 6 different mechanisms have been proposed; these are summarized in Table 4 along with examples and references.

The first two mechanisms listed in Table 4 may be classified as final state effects, the next two as initial state effects, the last two as chemical environment effects. In the first two mechanisms the high energy peak arises when the final state holes end up on different centers. The interatomic Auger transition model implies the intensity is determined by a two center matrix element; in the correlation model the intensity is determined by a one center matrix element. In the second and third mechanisms, the high energy peak arises because of the relaxation of the system in the presence of the initial core hole. The core hole screening mechanism implies the actual transfer of an electron into the lowest unoccupied orbital of the valence band of the adsorbate; this electron is then capable of contributing to the Auger intensity. The shake up satellite process implies the electron removed from the core is deposited into the lowest unoccupied orbital; the one hole final state relaxation processes are then significantly different to produce the high energy satellite. Finally in the last two mechanisms the high energy peaks arise from the chemical environment effects on the one electron

DOS, one mechanism concerned with the core level, the other with the valence level. In the band splitting model the chemical environment (covalent interaction) splits off a small electron density to the high energy side of the main valence peak, in the other mechanism two different chemical environments cause a "chemical" shift of the core levels which is reflected in the Auger energy.

It should not be understood that only one mechanism can be responsible for all of the high energy structure in the line-shapes for the various systems indicated in Table 4. The electron screening model as applied to CO on metals is almost certainly correct as there is other evidence, experimental (such as UPS data (128) and theoretical (110, 129), that the electron transfer does occur. XPS and UPS data (118, 119, 125) also verify that band splitting may indeed occur upon chemisorption to some metal or upon covalent interaction with its neighbors. Nevertheless, in some cases the proper mechanism is not certain. As Table 4 indicates, three different mechanisms (111, 121-126) have been proposed to explain the high energy structure which arises when O, C, N, or S<sup>-</sup> ads to Ni, Cu, Si, or Pt. The high energy shoulder in the O KVV spectrum of MgO and SiO<sub>2</sub> probably results from the same mechanism, but two different ones (116, 118) have been proposed. The high energy peaks which appear in the condensed phases of H<sub>2</sub>O and NH<sub>3</sub> (though not in the gas) have been explained differently (109, 92, 93) although they are probably due

to the same mechanism. Obviously further work is needed to determine the proper mechanism for some of these systems.

Important information on chemisorbed systems can also be obtained from the substrate Auger line-shapes. Fig. 18 shows the Si L23VV line-shape for H (131) and O (132, 132) on Si. Structure in the line-shape reveals the surface dangling bonds on clean Si; this structure decreases with exposure to either H or O indicating their use to bond the adsorbed atom. Additional features in the line-shape can also be related to the Si-H bonds or the presence of O<sub>2</sub> or O on Si. Very few substrate line-shapes have been reported, but these two examples indicate their usefulness in providing bonding information.

#### C. AES in the bulk and at interfaces

The combined surface sensitivity and DOS site specificity of AES greatly increases the utility of AES for the study of interfaces and the bulk (133). Two examples are given here. Fig. 19 shows how the Si L23VV line-shape changes with an increasingly thick layer of Pd deposited on the Si surface (34). With a 30 Å Pd layer on the surface, the Si line-shape is still visible. The surface sensitivity of AES indicates the Si must be diffusing into the Pd layer. Two forms of Si must exist in the Pd layer, elemental Si and Pd<sub>2</sub>Si (34).

Fig. 19 also compares the Ni M<sub>45</sub>V line-shape of each element in the compound semiconductors GeSe (134) and GaAs (135) with UPS and XPS data. The DOS site specificity of AES is clearly

illustrated, particularly in GeSe, where each peak in the XPS spectrum can be attributed to either the Ge or Se atom. Although not quite as distinct in GeAs, the separate Auger lineshapes assist in assigning the electron density indicated by the UPS/XPS data to the separate sites. Matrix element effects and final state core hole screening effects (these are CCV lineshapes, see Sec. IV) must be included however before quantitative comparisons with the UPS/XPS data or theory (136) can be made.

Valence band information is becoming increasingly important for the study and production of new and interesting materials. These include the study of for example novel conductors (such as intercalated graphites (80,81)) semiconductors, composite materials, and ion-implanted metals. The utility of AES as a source of valence DOS information in the bulk will become more apparent as these studies continue.

#### VII. Summary

This review has emphasized the utilization of AES as a probe of valence electron bands and orbitals. A simple and empirical one-electron approach to the interpretation of Auger lineshapes was given to make the interpretative scheme available to a large number of experimentalists in the field. The important effects of localization and screening have been emphasized because they have been only recently identified and understood. Some areas which need further work have been indicated: they include the

local vs. Mulliken population question, the effects on the atomic matrix elements of introduction into a solid or molecule, and the sorting out of the various mechanisms proposed to interpret the appearance of high energy structure in the Auger lineshapes of small molecules and atoms chemisorbed to a surface.

A necessarily brief review and optimistic outlook for AES as a source of valence band information was given. Much information can be extracted from the Auger lineshape. However as indicated in the introduction, Auger spectra are most often utilized for elemental identification and analysis, thus ignoring this information. It is hoped this review will encourage just a few more experimentalist to utilize the information they already have at their finger tips.

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TABLE I. RECENT AES REVIEW ARTICLES

<u>Author</u>	<u>Principle topics covered</u>
1. Holladay (1) (1980)	Experimental approach and applications Extracting the lineshape from exp. data
2. Larkins (6) (1981)	Auger energies - chemical shifts and solid state shifts Energies of Auger satellites
3. Madden (7) (1981)	Chemical info. from AES - chemical shifts and lineshape Applications to insulators and metals
4. Hodderman (8) (1981)	Auger effect in atoms and molecules Gas phase experiments
5. Akcelin (3) (1981)	Auger lineshapes of transition metals in the gas phase Lineshape interpretation in the atomic model
6. Grassmann (2) (Unpub.)	Auger effect in atoms Matrix elements, angular momentum coupling, Auger widths and fluorescence yields
7. Kleiman (9) (1981)	Effects of localization and screening on Auger energies Applications to d band metals and alloys
8. Fuggle (10) (1981)	Screening and localization effects on the Auger lineshape Applications to metals and insulators
9. This work	Auger as a probe of valence bands - radial extent, localization, and screening effects on lineshape Applications to metals, insulators, molecules

TABLE 3 - COMPARISON OF ACTUAL AUGER INTENSITIES  
WITH THOSE OBTAINED FROM INITIAL AND PINAL  
STATE POPULATIONS.

$\Omega_2$ 0 KVV (15)	$\pi_u^{-1} 2\sigma_u^{-1}$	$\pi_u^{-1} (\pi_u, 3\sigma_g)^{-1}$	$\pi_g^{-1} (\pi_u, 3\sigma_g)^{-1}$
X <sub>44</sub> initial state	2.0	6	1.6
X <sub>44</sub> final state	1.9	6	2.8
Exp.	2.3	6	4
$\text{CC}_2\text{H}_6$ C KVV (77)	$ e_u^{-2} $	$ e_u^{-1} e_g^{-1} $	$ e_g^{-2} $
RHHP-SCP initial state	68	1.6	1
RHHP-SCP final state	.9	1.9	1
Full theo. matrix element	1.2	3.0	1
$\text{NO}_3^-$ N KVV (30,61)	$2e^{-2}$	$2e^{-1}(e_c, \infty, e_g)^{-1}$	$(e_c, \infty, e_g)^{-2}$
X <sub>44</sub> initial state	1	7.4	1.3
X <sub>44</sub> final state	1	5	2.5
Empirical fit to data	$\approx 1$	$\approx 5$	$\approx 2.5$

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Method	Probe	Input	Measurement	Output	Probe Depth	Optical	Sampling Resolution	Sampling Region
Electron			Histogram	Sampling Depth	Detector	Atomic	Layers	(ppm atomic)
Excited XES			X-rays	10-1500 eV	-5-100	10 <sup>6</sup>	1-100	Site specific
Photoion			X-ray beam	10-3000 eV	10 <sup>4</sup>	10 <sup>5</sup>	1-100	Site specific
Excited XES			X-ray beam	~1.5 keV	10 <sup>6</sup>	2-10	10 <sup>3</sup> -10 <sup>4</sup>	Site specific
Excited AES			X-ray beam	10-1500 eV	10 <sup>6</sup>	2-100	10 <sup>3</sup> -10 <sup>4</sup>	Site specific
Photoion			X-ray beam	~1.5 keV	10 <sup>6</sup>	2-100	10 <sup>6</sup>	All sites

Comparison of PEs, XEs, and AEs Features (12,13)

**Table 2**

TABLE 4 - SUMMARY OF MECHANISMS RECENTLY PROPOSED  
FOR THE EXISTENCE OF HIGH ENERGY STRUCTURE  
ABOVE THE PRINCIPLE AUGER PEAK.

Suggested mechanism	Example	Ref. reference
1) Interatomic Auger transition	MgF <sub>2</sub> , NaF LiF	Citrin (112) Callow & Matthew (113)
	MgO	Bassett (114)
	S, C, O, N on Ni, Cu, Fe	Salomon & Baro (111)
2) Final state hole-hole correlation effects	Cu, Ni, Zn	Madden (39)
	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Antonides (40)
		Rasker (18)
3) Electron transfer or core hole screening	Cr(CO) <sub>6</sub> , W(CO) <sub>6</sub>	Plummer (116), Jenkinson (110)
	CO on Pt, Ru, N <sub>2</sub> on W	Netter & Matthew (116)
		Puglisi & Menzel (117)
4) Shake satellites	Condensed NH <sub>3</sub>	Larkins & Lubentfeld (102)
	NH <sub>3</sub> on Al, Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Campbell (119)
5) Band splitting due to covalent interaction with substrate or other atoms.	FeS <sub>x</sub>	Marusak & Tongson <sup>b</sup> (118)
	TiC, VC, Cr <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub>	Smith & Levenson (119)
	condensed H <sub>2</sub> O	Rye (92,93)
	Al, Si, P, S dissolved in Cu	Hiraki (120)
	O, S, on	Coad & Riviere (121), Kunisori (122), Sichafas (123,124), Tibbets (125)
	Ni, Mo, Si, Cu	
6) Two different chemical environments present;	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> on Pt	Netter & Matthew (116)
shift of core level	S on Cu-Al alloy	Loach (126)
	O <sub>2</sub> on Si, Pt	Legare (127)
	Pt, Sn on Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Legare (127)

<sup>a</sup>If more than two authors, only the first is listed.  
<sup>b</sup>Indicated inter-atomic Auger transition also possible.

Figure Captions

FIG. 1 An illustration of photoemission, (XPS), x-ray emission (XES), and Auger emission (AES) in an atom involving the K and L levels. The shake-off process with a subsequent Auger emission yielding a KL-LL shake/Auger satellite is also illustrated. Filled circles represent electrons, open circles holes in the K and L shells.

FIG. 2 Comparison of the KLL theoretical and experimental atomic Auger matrix elements  $P_{KL}^{(0)}$  for atoms in the first two rows of the periodic table as given in ref. (23). Z is the nuclear charge,  $P_{KL}^{(0)}$  is the matrix element per filled shell as indicated by eqs. (9) and (10).  $P_{KL}^{(0)}$  has been normalized for each atom such that  $P_{COP}$  is 100. The theoretical data of McGuire (19, McG) has been scaled by factors  $f_{KLL} = .65$  and  $f_{KL} = .81$ , that of Walters and Bhalla (21, W & B), by factors  $f_{KL} = .59$  and  $f_{LP} = .78$  to correspond to the experimental data for Ne ( $Z=10$ ). The data of Chen and Graemann (25, C & G) is unscaled. Sources for the experimental points are given in Ref. 23. Results of a one-electron hole calculation for Ne (28) are indicated by the solid squares. The brackets indicate stated uncertainties, arrows indicate estimated uncertainties in experimental data.

**Fig. 3** Comparison of the L<sub>23</sub>VV theoretical and experimental atomic Auger matrix elements  $P_{\text{CV}}$ ' for atoms in the 2nd and 3rd rows of the periodic table as given in ref. 23.  $P_{\text{CV}}$ ' is defined and normalized as in Fig. 1. The theoretical data of McGuire (20) has been scaled by factors  $f_{\text{ss}}=1.91$ ,  $f_{\text{sp}}=1.23$ ,  $f_{\text{pd}}=1.33$ ,  $f_{\text{dd}}=1.27$  and  $f_{\text{dd}}=2.06$ , that of Walters and Bhalla (22) by  $f_{\text{ss}}=1.94$ ,  $f_{\text{sp}}=1.03$ ,  $f_{\text{ad}}=1.32$ ,  $f_{\text{pd}}=1.24$ , and  $f_{\text{dd}}=2.05$ , to correspond to the Ar (Z=18) ss and sp and the Kr (Z=36) sd, pd, and dd experimental data. The data of Chen and Grasemann (26) is unscaled. Sources of the experimental data may be obtained from ref. 23. The crossed symbols for Z=18 and 36 refer to earlier experimental data, for Z=29 to a CI calculation for Cu (29).

**Fig. 4** Comparison of f<sub>nd</sub> with U<sub>eff</sub>ndnd for the metals with electron configuration d<sub>(Z-2)</sub> to d10s<sup>2</sup>p<sup>2</sup>. The 3d and 4d data is from refs. 40, 41, 54 and 47, U<sub>eff</sub>sd from refs. 47 and 53, f<sub>3d</sub> calculated or obtained from refs. 47 and 55. Metals with band like and atomic like lineshapes are indicated, those between the dashed lines are "transitional."

**Fig. 5** Comparison of the core-(valence d)-(valence d) Auger lineshapes for the 'transitional' metals as indicated in Fig. 4 with the fold of the one-electron DOS, N(E).

Data for Cu, Ag, and Au from Powell (47), for Ni and Pd from Kleiman (9). The vertical bars for Cu and Ag indicate results from an atomic calculation (38, 45). E<sub>x</sub> is the core binding energy, E<sub>A</sub> the Auger electron energy.

**Fig. 6** Comparison of the effective hole-hole repulsion, U<sub>eff</sub>xx, U<sub>eff</sub>yy, or U<sub>eff</sub>zz, with the corresponding interaction parameter, V, Y, or F for NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, and SiO<sub>2</sub> (37). The definition of each parameter is illustrated on the left for NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>. AO, LO, MO refer to atomic, lobe, or molecular orbitals, also illustrated. U<sub>eff</sub> is the effective 3 hole lobe orbital repulsion energy (37).

**Fig. 7** Top) Comparison of the experimental and total theoretical KVV lineshapes for NaN<sub>3</sub> as obtained utilizing a two and three hole final state described by a NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> MO (30). Middle) The parent Auger and shake/Auger contributions compared to the experimental lineshape. Bottom) Comparison of the theoretical shake lineshape with the difference between the experimental and theoretical parent Auger lineshapes.

**Fig. 8** Same as Fig. 7 for Li<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> except the ΔP between the shake/Auger and parent Auger lineshapes, eq. (22), was reduced to -2eV indicating the preferred 2 hole SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> MO and 3 hole S-O LO final state description. Data from refs. 37 and 56.

**FIG. 9**

- a) Comparison of the experimental (solid) and theoretical (dotted) O KLL lineshapes for  $\text{SiO}_2$  as obtained utilizing a Si-O-Si LO (57, 14, 37).
- b) The difference between the experimental and theoretical lineshapes. The peaks at 475 and 495 eV have been attributed to shake/Auger satellites, the peak at 510 eV to delocalization (18).
- c) Comparison of the experimental (solid) and theoretical (dotted) Si L<sub>2,3</sub>VV lineshapes as obtained utilizing a  $\text{SiO}_4^{4-}$  MO (57, 14, 37). The vertical bars indicate results of a cluster CI calculation (18), the dotted bars denoting Si-O-Si localized holes, the solid bars delocalized holes.
- d) The difference between the experimental and theoretical lineshapes. The peaks at 55 and 68 eV may be attributed to the localized hole contributions, that at 84 eV to beam damage (18).

FIG. 10 Lower left: the percent non-local intensity of the total versus  $U/f'$ .  $U$  is the one center hole-hole repulsion,  $f'$  the band width, and  $U \approx U - U_{ij}$  is an effective Coulomb repulsion.  
 Upper right: the difference in energy between the centroids of the local and non-local Auger contributions.  $\Delta E_0$  is the shift in energy of the local contribution from the initial band center. The diagonals

present the bandlike ad contribution.  
**FIG. 11** Comparison of the experimental N KVV lineshape for  $\text{LiNO}_3$  with that calculated utilizing an XcI theoretical local DOS from the initial (core hole) and final (no core hole) state wavefunctions (30, 61).

**FIG. 12**

- Top) Comparison of the experimental Be KVV Auger lineshape with that calculated utilizing a HF-SCP local DOS from the final state (77).
- Bottom) Same as the top except the relative ss, sp, and pp areas are determined by the initial state. Complete s electron screening is assumed in the initial state (75).

**FIG. 13**

- Top) The Cu M<sub>1,2</sub>V experimental Auger spectrum as reported in ref. (78). The narrow localized  $d^2$  contribution is indicated by the dotted line, the difference represents the bandlike ad contribution.
- Bottom) Comparison of the ad Auger contribution as obtained above (solid) with the calculated Auger lineshape (dotted). The calculated lineshape is obtained from the final DOS but with the relative ad/dd area increased by

$E-U$  and  $U_e$  are also indicated. The results obtained from a 16 atom cluster in a tetrahedral lattice (18) with  $U_{ij} = 0$  and  $U_{ij} \neq 0$  ( $U_{ij}$  is the two center Coulomb repulsion energy) are compared with the results of Sawatzky and Lenzelink (59) for an infinite simple cubic lattice with  $U_{ij} = 0$ .

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- Bottom) Comparison of the ad Auger contribution as obtained above (solid) with the calculated Auger lineshape (dotted). The calculated lineshape is obtained from the final DOS but with the relative ad/dd area increased by

a factor of 2 consistent with the  $d10s^2$  initial state configuration. Complete electron screening is again assumed in the initial state (78, 75).

Fig. 14 Comparison of the DOS as determined in ref. (80) from a quantitative interpretation of the C KVV Auger lineshape (solid) with UPS data (dotted) for the intercalated graphite systems  $C_8Cs$  and  $C_6Li$ .

Fig. 15 Schematic potential energy curves (90) for interaction between a bulk atom B and a surface atom S, before (lower ground state curve) and after the Auger process. Curves are labeled by the bond orbital hole states and by the separated state of the surface atom. 'B' denotes bulk atoms not bonded to S.  $E_B$  and  $E_A$  are the bulk and surface atom ionization potentials.  $E_B$  and U are the bond orbital binding energy and hole-hole repulsion energy.

Fig. 16 The C KVV Auger lineshapes taken in the gas phase for various carbon molecules illustrating the sensitivity to spin hybridization (92-95).

Fig. 17 Comparison of some KVV lineshapes of molecules in the gas phase with those in the chemisorbed, condensed, or metal ligand state illustrating the appearance of structure at higher energies. The  $NH_3$  data is taken from ref. 109, CO data from ref. 110, O/Cu data from ref. 111, and  $H_2O$  data from refs. 92, 93.  $E_A$  is the Auger energy.

energy,  $E_K$  the O 1s binding energy. All spectra are N(2) except for O/Cu.

Fig. 18 The substrate Si L<sub>2,3</sub>VV Auger data for either H/Si (130), left, or O/Si (131), right.

H/Si) Comparison of the theoretical and experimental difference spectra (H/Si-clean Si) with the spectrum from gas phase SiH<sub>4</sub>. Region A shows the decrease in surface dangling bond states, peaks B and C arise from Si-H bonds as indicated by the SiH<sub>4</sub> spectrum (130)

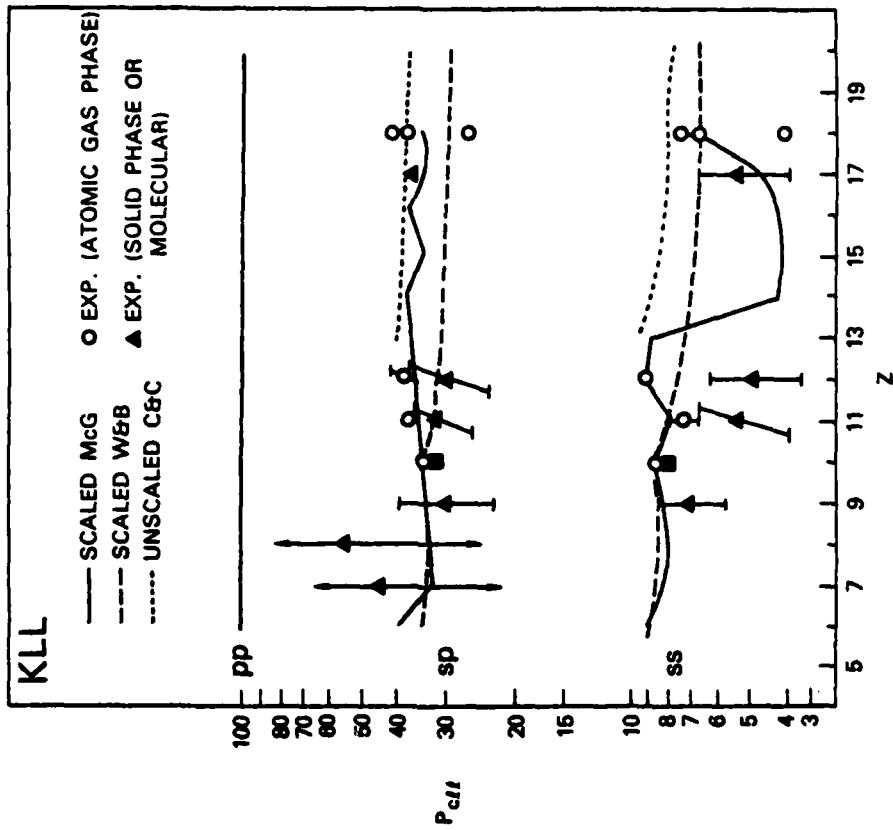
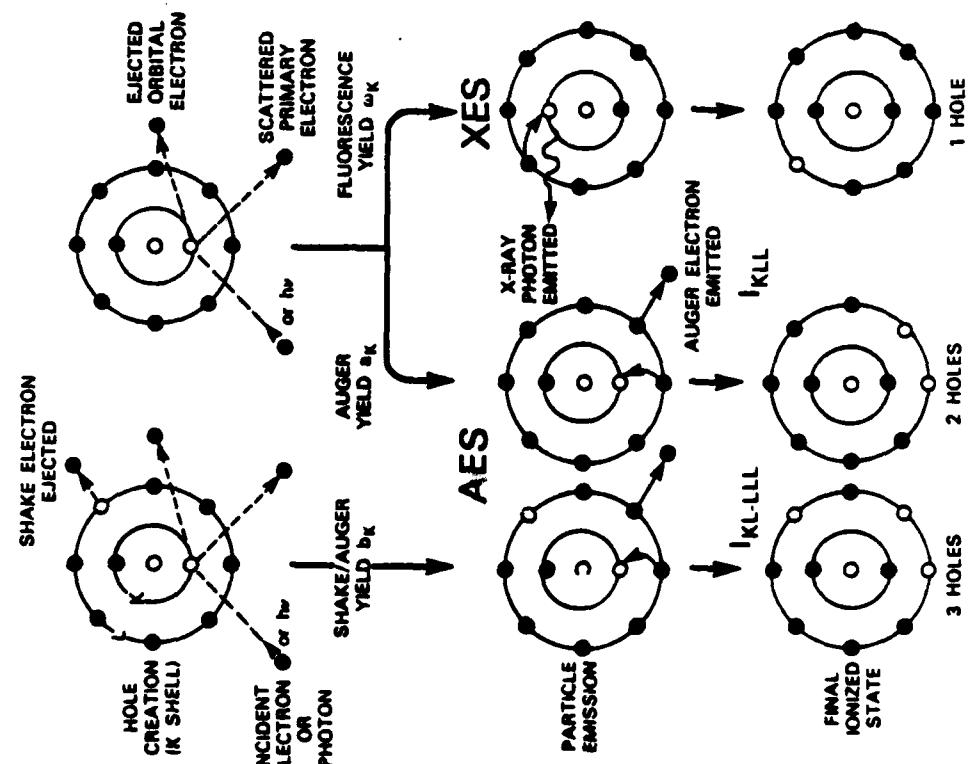
O/Si) Comparison of the Auger transition DOS (self deconvolution of the Auger lineshape) for clean Si and O/Si. Region A shows the decrease in surface dangling bonds, structure in region B corresponds to O<sub>2</sub> molecular orbitals on Si, structure in region C to O-Si bonds (131).  $E_A$  is the Auger energy,  $E_B$  the binding energy.

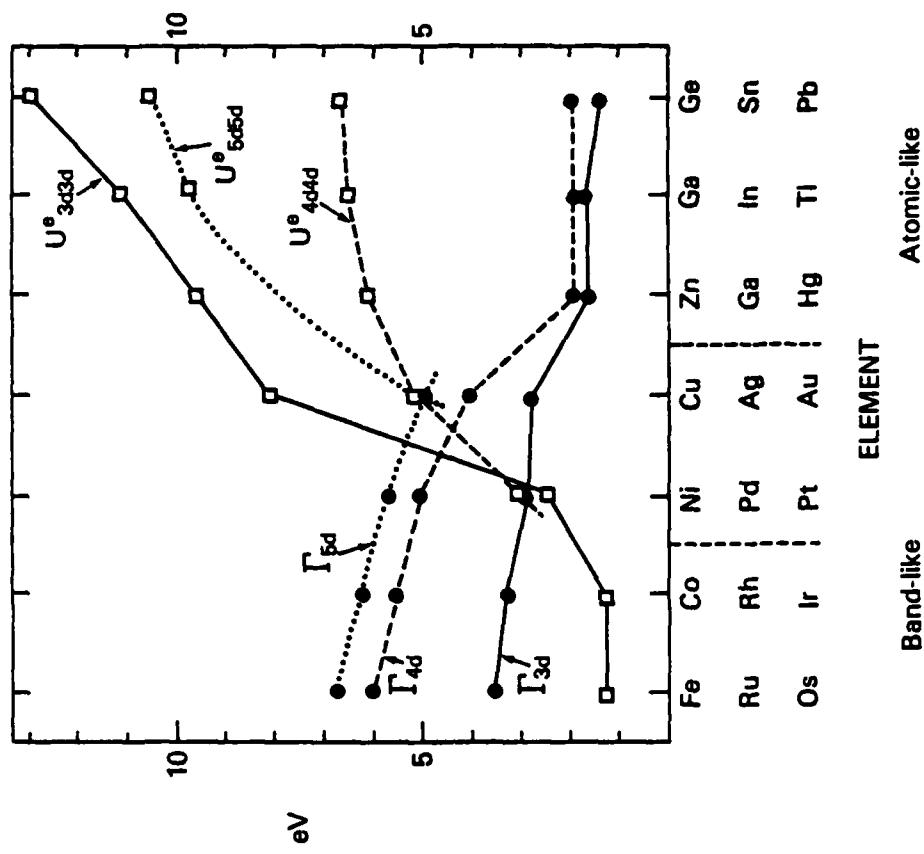
Fig. 19 (Top) Comparison of the Si L<sub>2,3</sub>VV Auger lineshape with coverage of Pd as indicated in Angstroms (AO) (34).

Bottom) Comparison of the M<sub>1</sub>M<sub>4,5</sub>V Auger lineshapes with XPS and UPS data for GeSe (13) and GaAs (135). The M<sub>1</sub>M<sub>4,5</sub>V sum for GaAs corresponds to a direct sum of the Ga and As M<sub>1</sub>M<sub>4,5</sub>V lineshapes.  $E_A$  is the Auger energy.

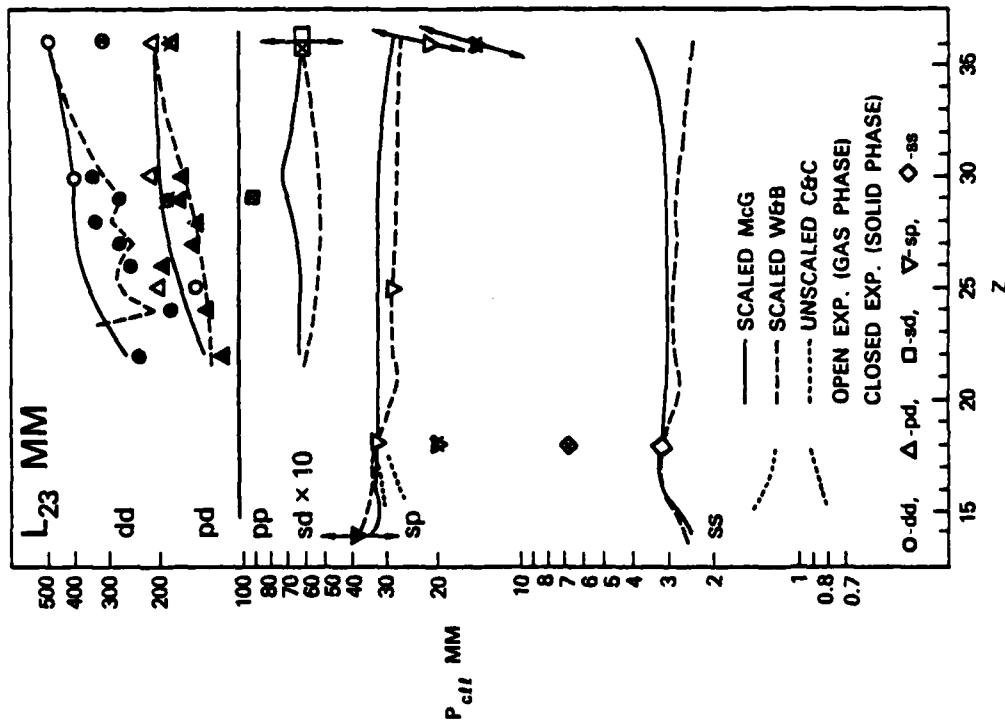
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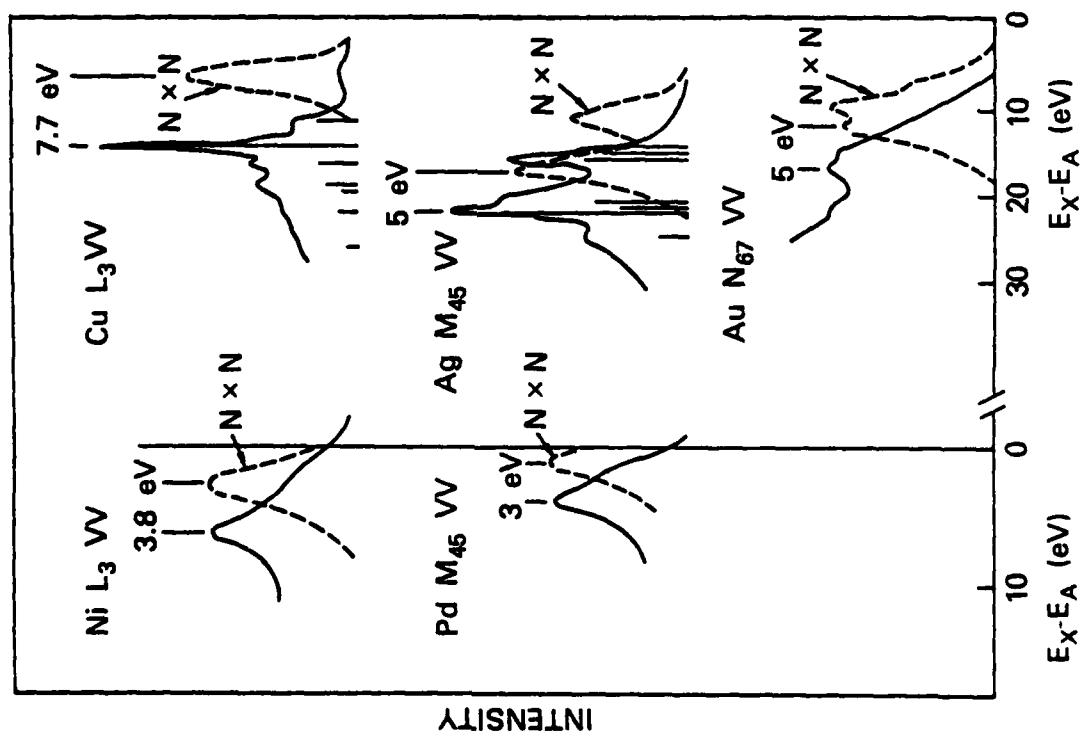
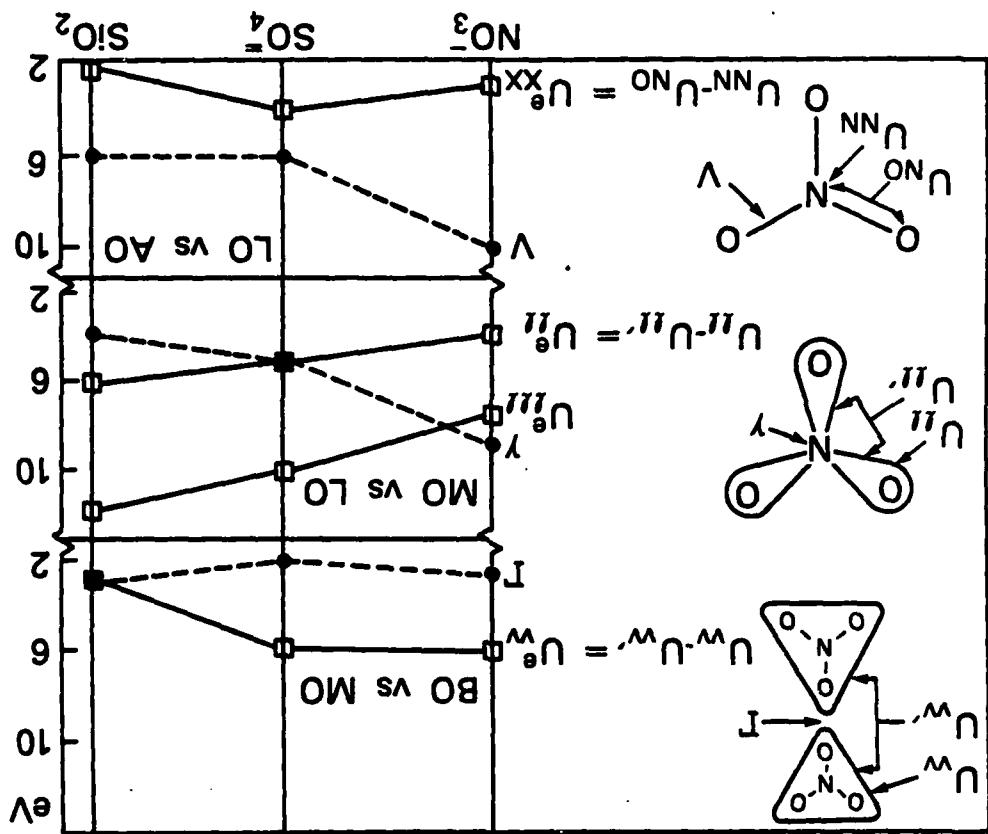


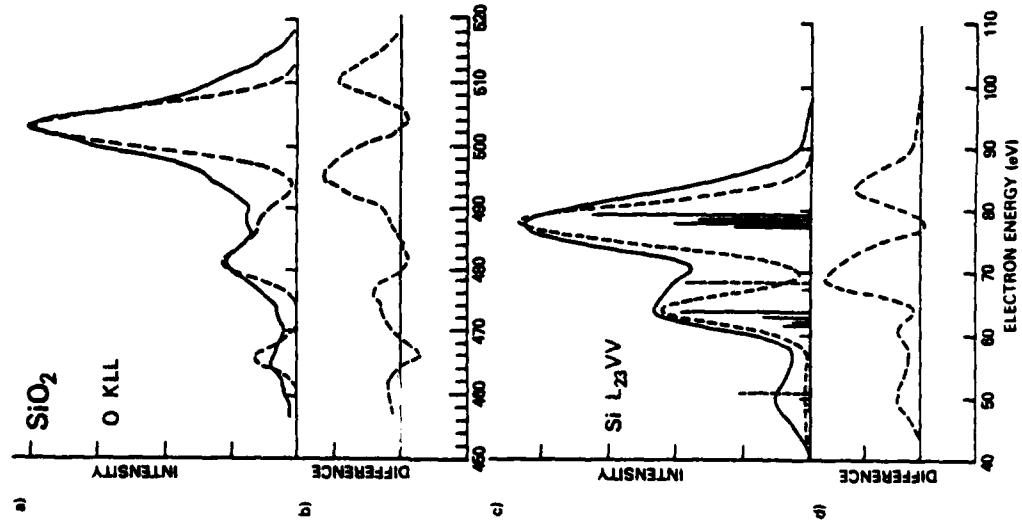
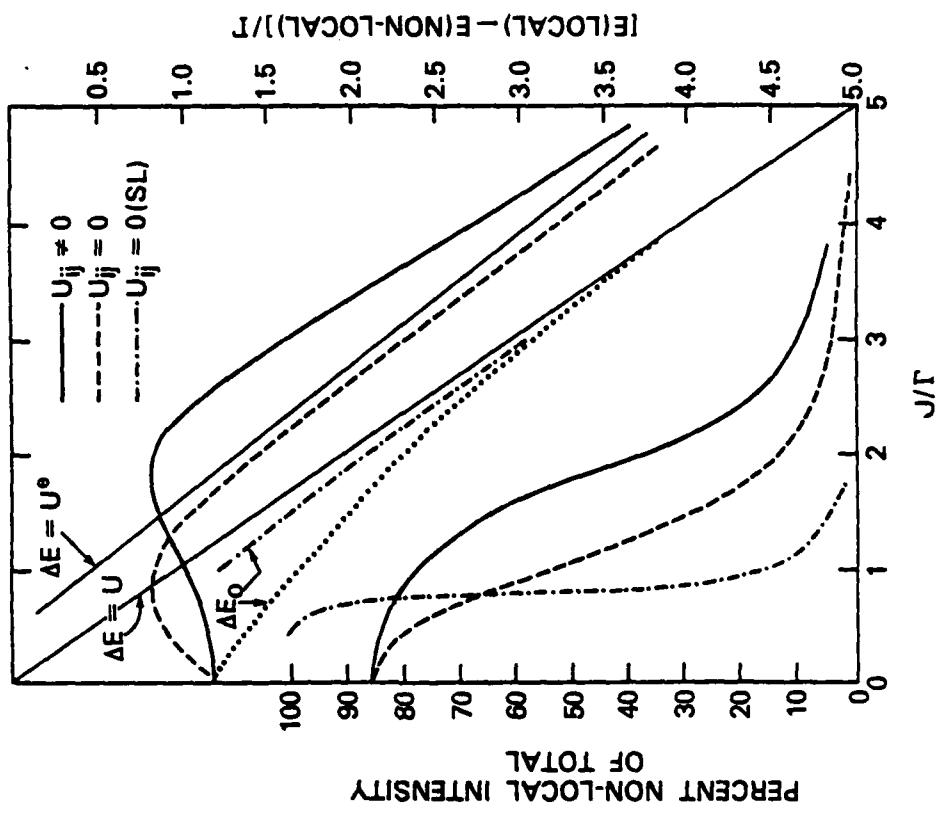


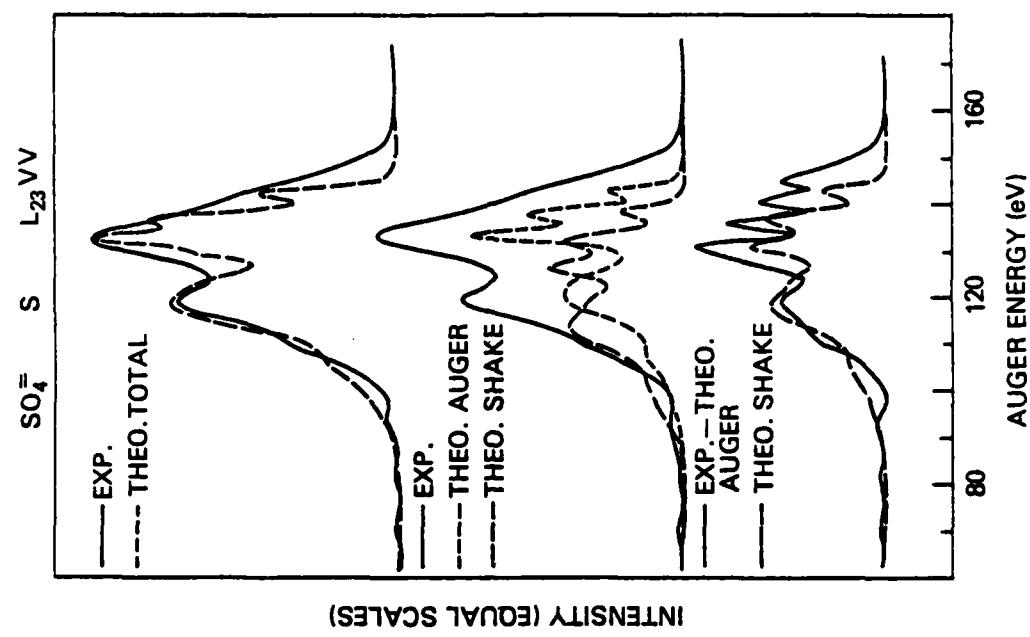
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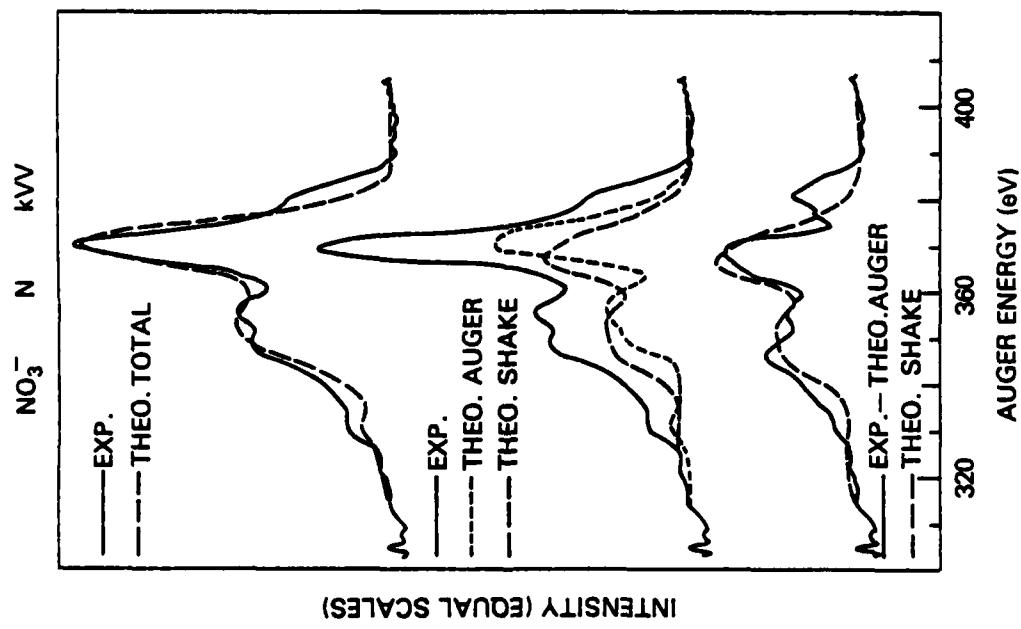
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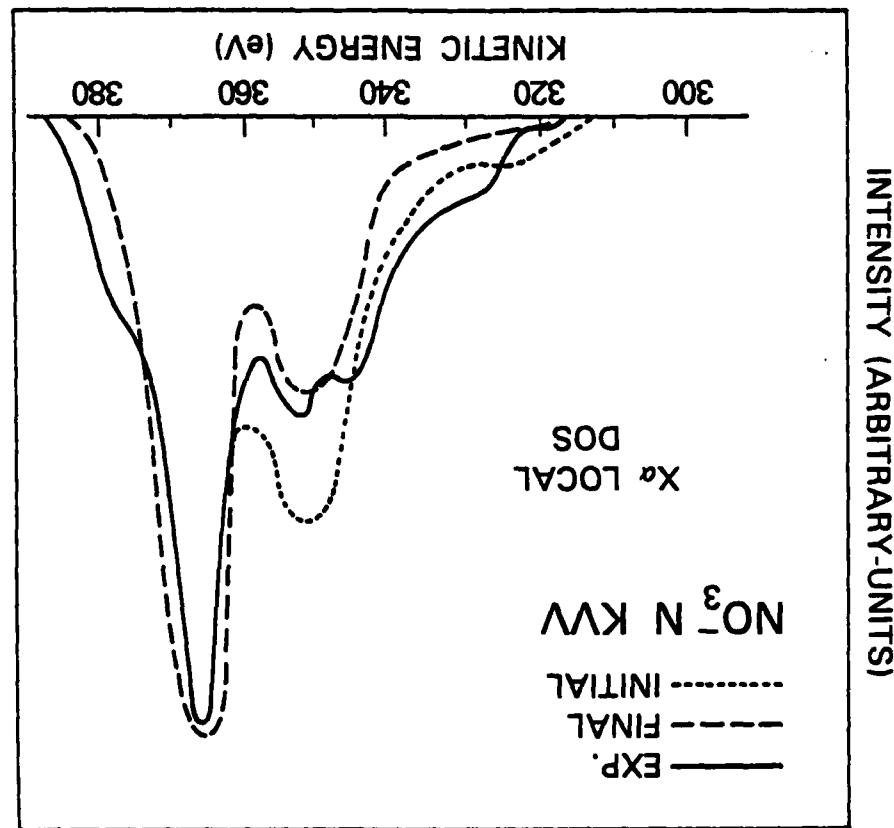
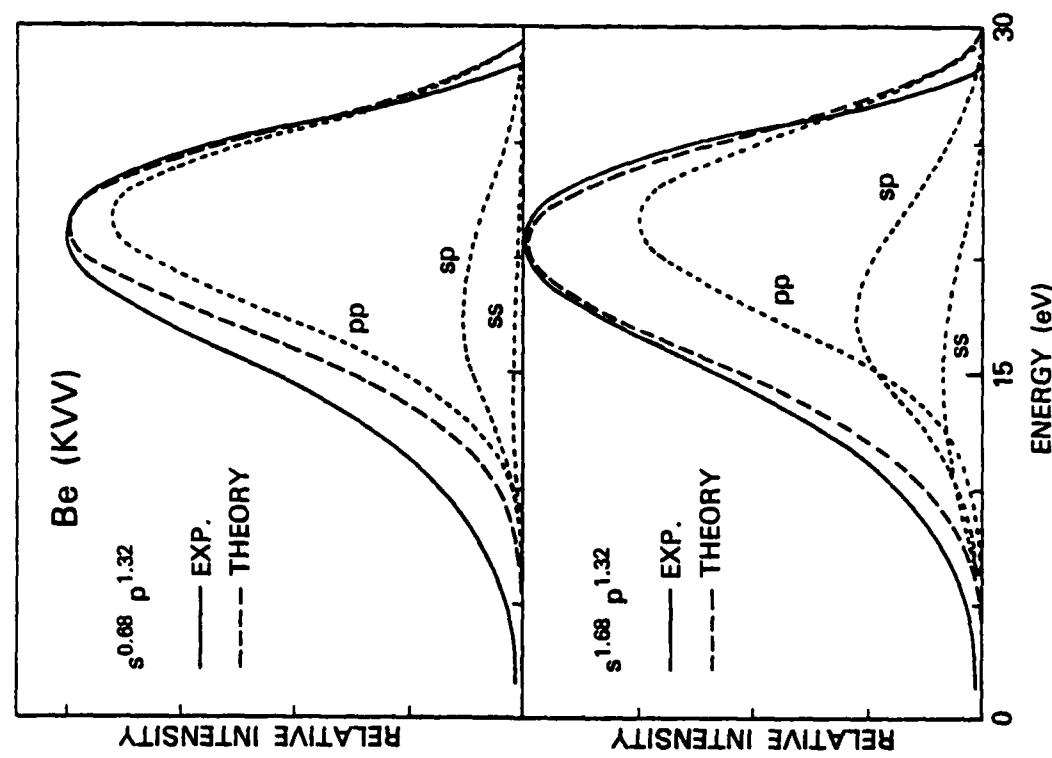


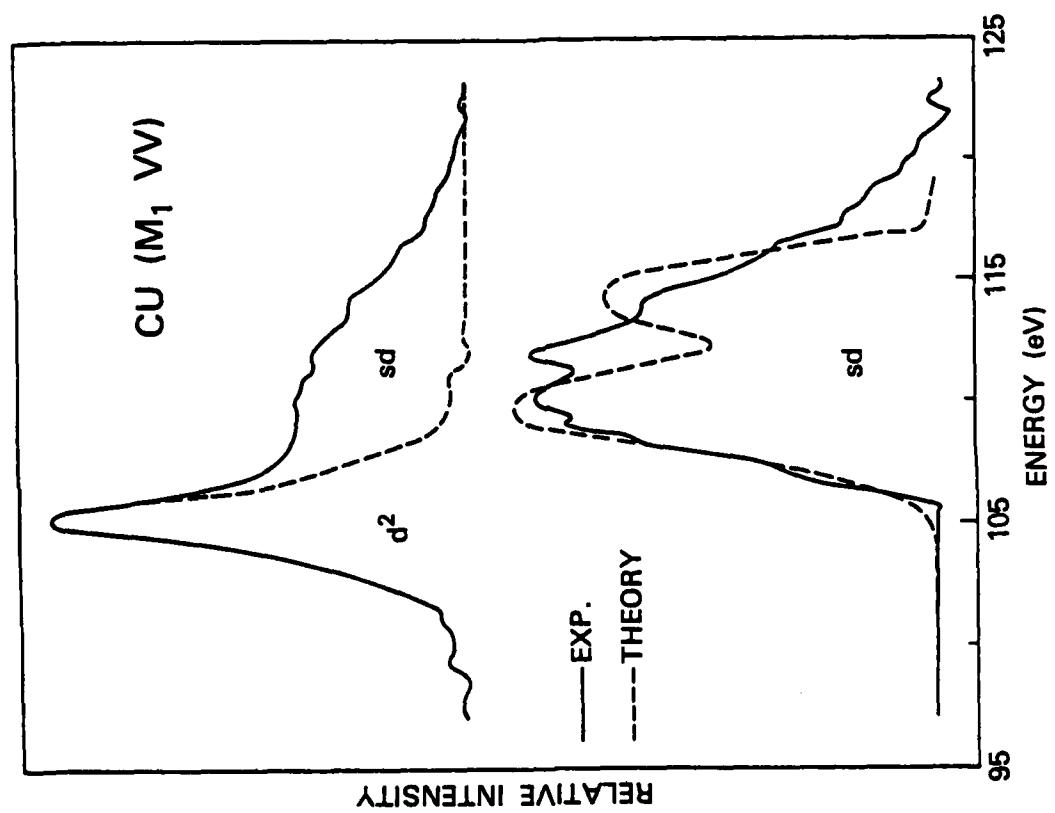
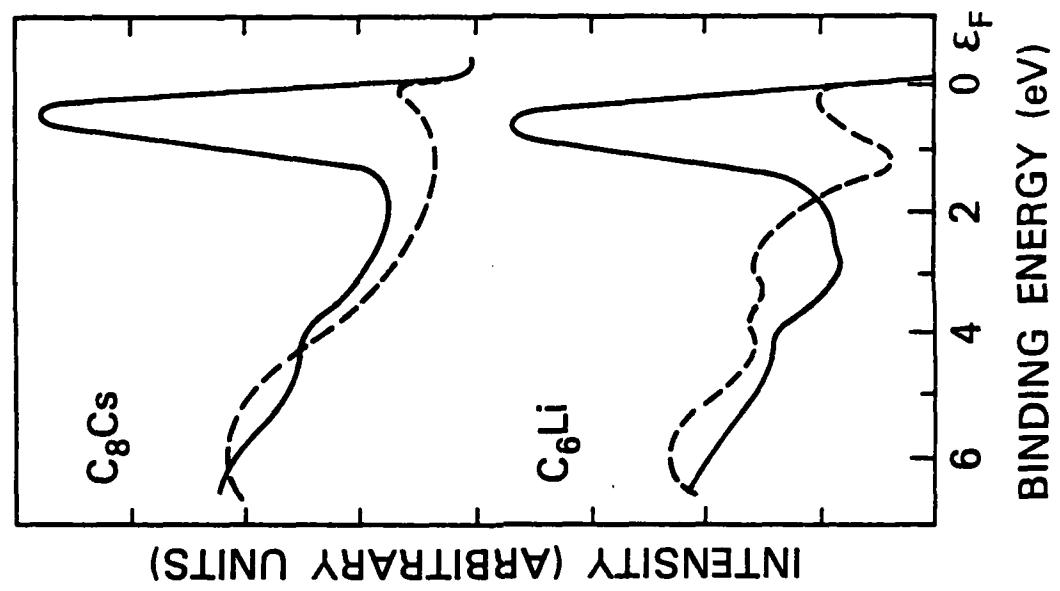


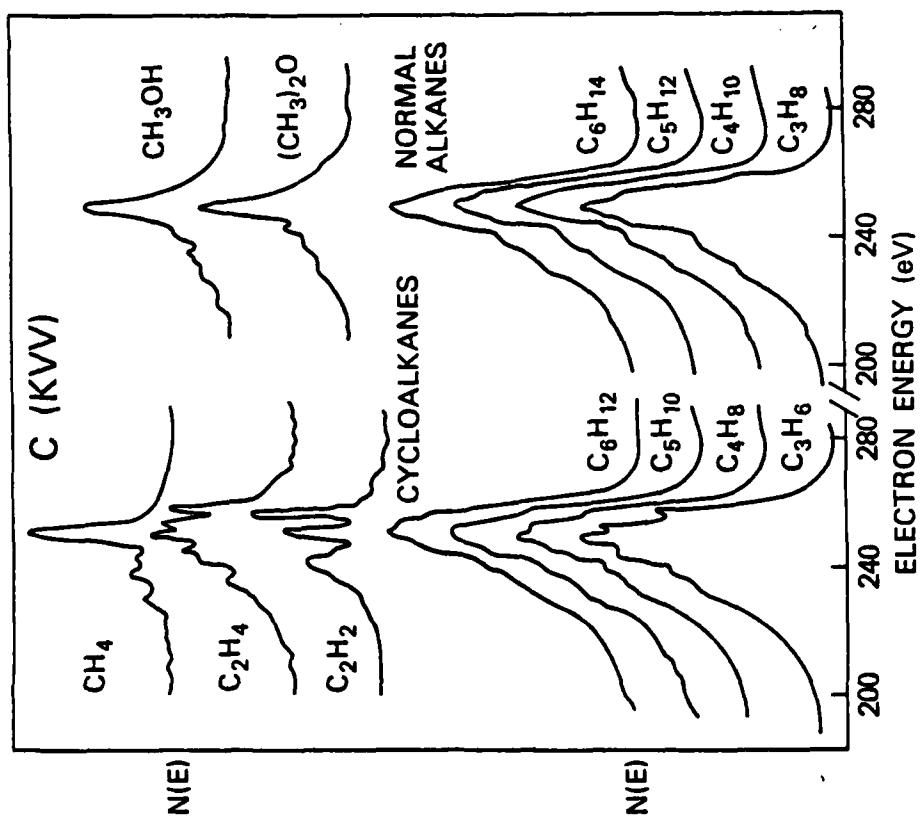
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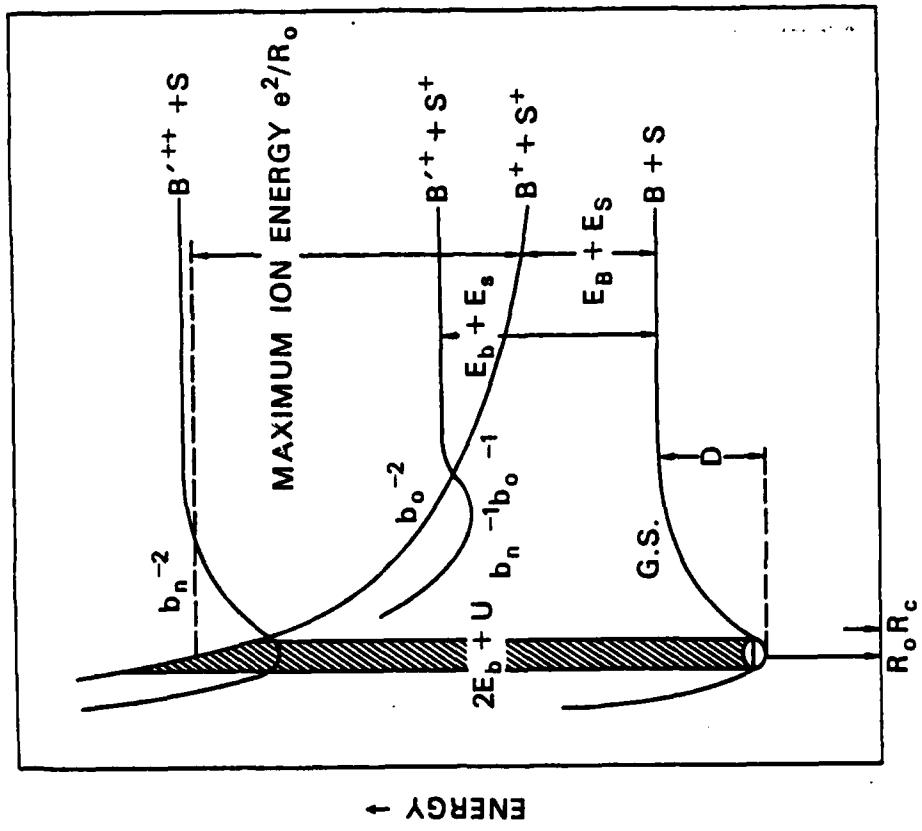
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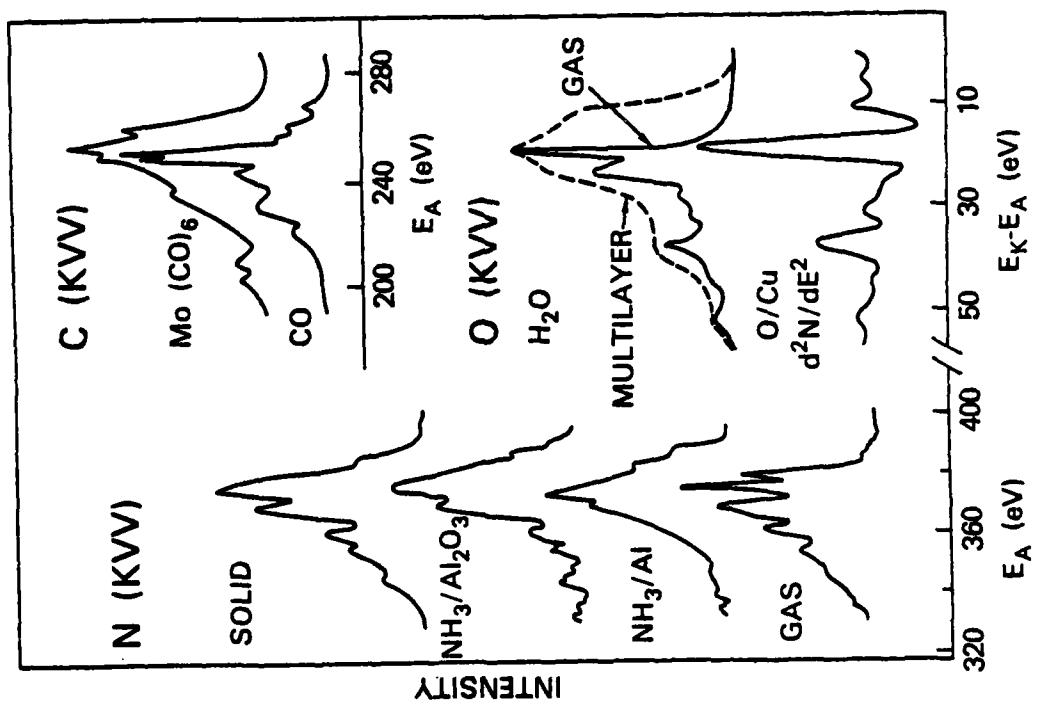
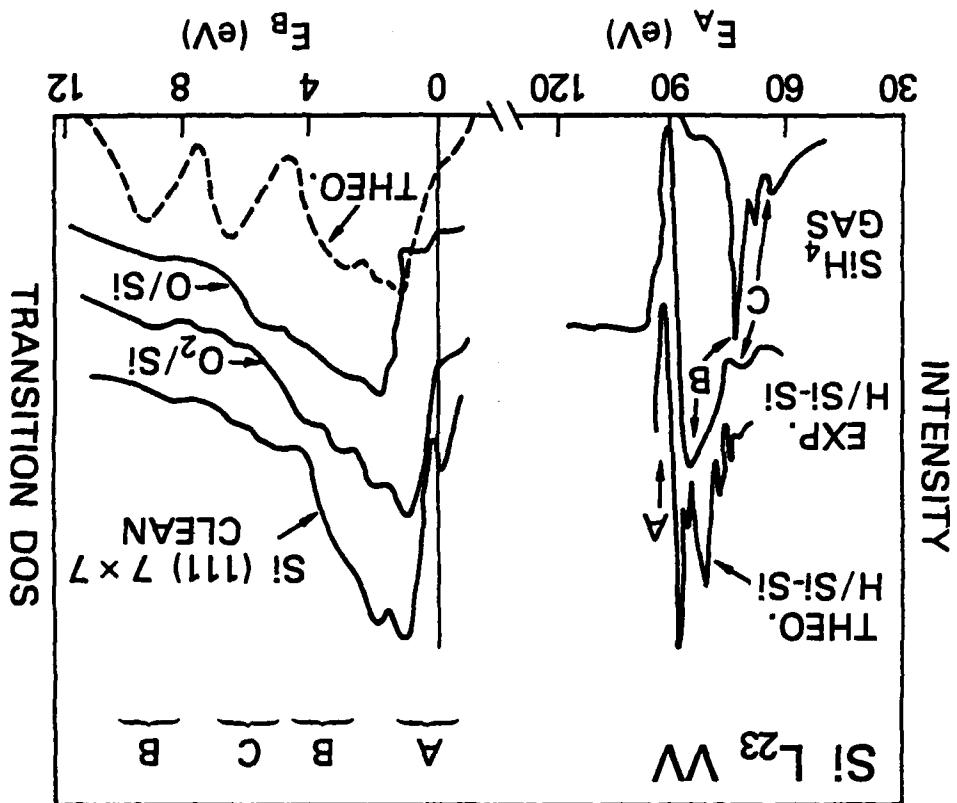


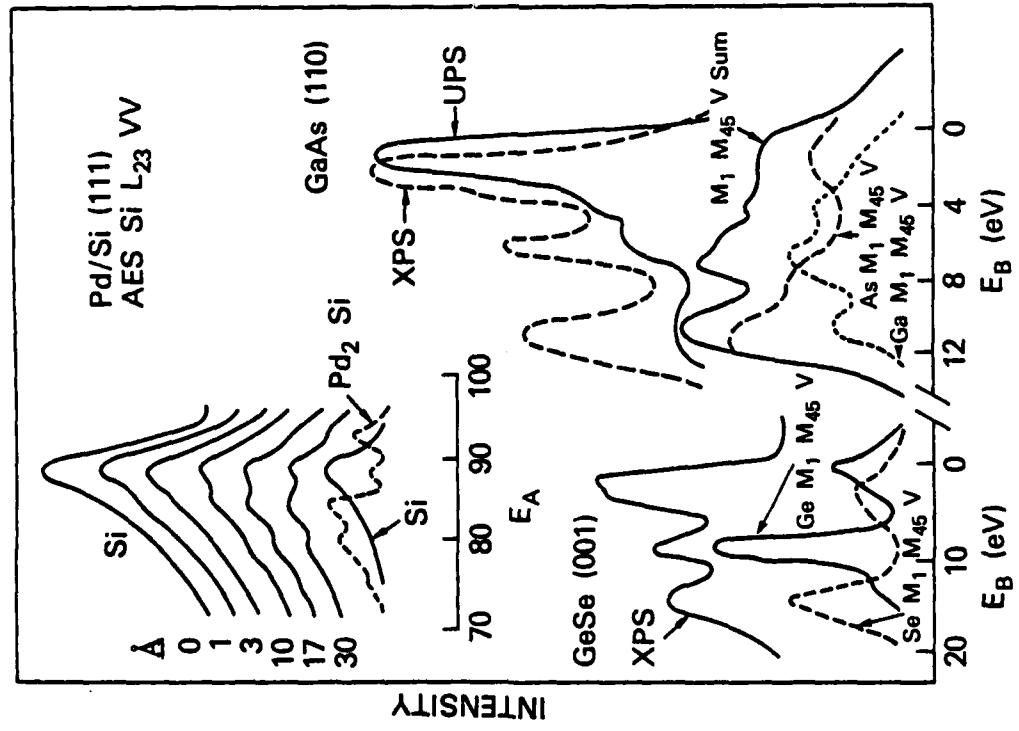


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